

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 844

To amend title 18, United States Code, to allow an owner of a trade secret redress of the theft of trade secrets extraterritorially, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 6, 2023

Mr. OBERNOLTE (for himself, Mr. STEUBE, Mr. PFLUGER, and Mr. CRAWFORD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Protect American
5 Trade Secrets Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. REDRESS OF THEFT OF TRADE SECRETS**
2 **EXTRATERRITORIALY.**

3 Section 1836 of title 18, United States Code, is
4 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
5 section:

6 “(e) **APPLICABILITY TO CONDUCT OUTSIDE UNITED**
7 **STATES.**—Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
8 this section shall apply to conduct occurring outside the
9 United States and impacting United States commerce, in-
10 cluding conduct by an offender who is—

11 “(1) not a United States person or an alien
12 lawfully admitted for permanent residence into the
13 United States; or

14 “(2) an organization which is created or orga-
15 nized under the laws of a foreign government or
16 which has its principal place of business located out-
17 side of the United States.”.

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